

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend ¶ [0029] and insert the following new paragraph [0030], and renumber the subsequent paragraphs:

[0029] Figure 7 is a partial view of a fan plate with sloped outer cooling channels[.];

[0030] Figure 8 is a view of a fan plate with two rows of cooling channels with an angular offset.

Please amend ¶ [0041] and ¶ [0042] (to be renumbered ¶ [0042] and ¶ [0043]):

[0041] The fan plate illustrated in Figure 7 [[6]] has an angular distance $\alpha_i = 3.8^\circ$ in the case of the radially inner cooling channels 18. The angular distance between the radially outer cooling channels 17 amounts to $\alpha_a = 5.0^\circ$. The ratio between the radial length l and the width b of the cooling channels is at $c = 2$.

[0042] In the case of the fan plate of Figure 8 [[7]], the radially outer cooling channels are arranged to be sloped with respect to their respective radial lines by the angle of slope β .